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DLNR HOLDS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS ON PLAN FOR NEW MARINA AND PARK IMPROVENTS AT SAND ISLAND

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources has prepared a conceptual plan for the development of a new marina and park improvements on the west side of Sand Island.

The proposed improvements include the expansion of the existing boat launch ramp facility; new Hale Wa'a (canoe pavilions), boat storage/repair facility, ocean activity center, marina administrative office, marina store, café/concession, DLNR office, maintenance facility, comfort stations, marina, continuous public promenade (shoreline access trail to State Park), canoe/kayak center and public access pier.

"We are inviting the public to comment on the proposed concept plan at public information meetings to be held starting September 21," said William Aila, DLNR Chairperson.

"Community-based planning for improved management and upkeep of state recreational facilities is a leading objective of the Abercrombie administration's "New Day" plan," said William J. Aila, Jr., DLNR Chairperson. "We invite the community to get involved with our master planning process, and to share their thoughts, issues, and concerns about the new marina and park improvements at Sand Island," Aila said.

The public information meetings schedule is:

Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the DLNR Board Room in the Kalanimoku Building, Room 130, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu; and

Thursday, September 22, 2011, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the HCC Marine Education and Training Center, Class Room No. 2, 10 Sand Island Parkway, Honolulu.

In addition DLNR will be presenting the concept plan to the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on September 21, 2011 Kalihi Union Church, 2214 North King St.

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